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1. Changchun is being made into a special municipality under Mayor CHANG Wen-t'an (張文瀾). The Soviets have requested that the capital of the Northeast People's Government be transferred from Mukden to Changchun. Reconstruction work to beautify the city is scheduled to begin soon. The main street, Ta T'ung (大同) Ta Chieh, has been renamed Stalin Avenue.
2. The Chung Chan Railway Bureau in Changchun reports the arrival of 4,000 new Soviet employees. These men are in uniform and are political and military advisers of the Changchun city government. They will receive the best available food and lodging and 1,000 to 2,000 units a month, as against 450 units received by the highest Chinese Communist officials in Manchuria*. One unit is now the equivalent of 12,000 Northeast currency.
3. Many changes in government personnel are expected in Manchuria in the early spring of 1950. CHANG Shih-i, (張士毅) former Governor of Liaoning wrote in early January that he was in Khabarovsk and would return soon to Mukden to assume a position in the Northeast People's Government.

* Comment. Although the number of Russian advisers being sent to Manchuria and China is obviously increasing and probably these people are getting increased compensation as times goes on, the number and scale of compensation given in this report seem exaggerated.

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